

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 20A and 20B. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1, 20A and 20B, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1, 20A and 20B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 9-11 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by JP Publication 08-140072 (JP '072) and Claims 4-8 and 12 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The discussion granted by Examiner Safaipour on October 19, 2005 is hereby acknowledged and is sincerely appreciated. During such discussion, it was explained to the Examiner that the Office Action had not included an English translation of JP '072. Accordingly, a copy of such translation was sent by facsimile to Applicants' attorney and the Examiner is thanked for his assistance in providing this translation.

Based upon the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in each of Claims 4-8 and 12, it is to be noted that each of Claims 4-8 have now been placed in independent form and the language from Claim 12 has now been incorporated into independent Claim 10 from which it formerly depended. It is also noted that Claims 1-3 have been canceled and new Claims 14-17 have been added so as to be dependent upon Claims 4-8, respectively, and which contain the language of former Claim 2, now canceled.

Application No. 10/003,432
Reply to Office Action of October 5, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

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